

Professor Dominic Kwiatkowski Fellowship Guidelines

CALL FOR CONCEPT PAPERS

**AWARD:
 \$20,000**

In partnership with the
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**Application Deadline:
 May 27, 2026**

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About the Professor Dominic Kwiatkowski Fellowship

Professor Dominic Kwiatkowski (1953-2023), was a world-renowned expert in malaria, genomics and public health. To honor his life and contributions, a research initiative in partnership with the Gates Foundation has been established. This fellowship honors the life and scientific contributions of the late Professor Dominic Kwiatkowski, a pioneer in the field of malaria genomics. This award is a fitting legacy to our colleague, mentor and friend.

The fellowship's goal is to strengthen Professor Kwiatkowski's legacy through providing recognition and support of early- to mid-career scientists from low- or middle- income countries conducting research in malaria genomics.

The Kwiatkowski Fellowship will be awarded annually to one early- to mid-career researcher from and working in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC) conducting research in malaria genomics. This initiative not only commemorates Professor Kwiatkowski's legacy but also aims to foster the next generation of researchers dedicated to combating malaria in endemic regions.

Each recipient of the Kwiatkowski Fellowship will receive \$20,000 designated to advance their research project.

Who is eligible?

- Available to citizens of LMIC's currently working and/or living in an endemic country.
- Early*- to mid-career scientists pursuing research that aims to blend laboratory and field work on malaria genomics.
- A Master's degree or higher is desired with a focus malaria genomics.
- Preference will be given to ASTMH members. Not a member? [Join now.](#)

Submit your application [online](#)

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* ASTMH defines early-career as those transitioning from trainee to junior faculty, or to full-time employment. Early-career is for up to five continuous years after completion of training. Examples of trainee status are medical residency or fellowship, post-doctoral research positions, MPH degree or graduate nursing degrees. Mid to senior-level faculty, especially those who already lead research projects, are not considered early-career.

Application Process

- Submission of the proposal, budget narrative and budget spreadsheet.
- Letter of support from applicant's mentor and mentor's CV.
- Biographical information.
- Submit your application [here](#).

A. Proposal

The proposal is to be submitted in English and not to exceed three pages total, that includes: Specific aim(s) of the proposed research project, including the rationale for the proposed aim(s) and any hypotheses to be tested.

Detailed summary of proposed research activities with timelines. This should include a description of any other funding sources and data that may be available to the applicant to meet the specific aims.

A detailed description of how the proposed research project will benefit the applicant's career path.

B. Budget Narrative

The budget narrative must be in English, not to exceed one page and should be uploaded to the application site as a separate document. Provide an overview and explanation of the expected costs to be incurred during the award period for your research project. The budget narrative must describe and justify the cost assumptions for each expense.

D. Letter of Support

A letter of support from the applicant's primary mentor or home institution outlining the mentorship, research and administrative support available to the applicant (does not count against the three-page limit of the application). This letter should be on institutional letterhead and uploaded to the application site as a separate document.

The mentor's letter should include:

- Details of the applicant's qualifications.
- Description of the promise of the proposed candidate, their leadership potential and their work.
- The career trajectory of the applicant and an explanation how the funding will support their career development.

Questions? Contact: [Rhonda Schultz](#), Manager, Board and Fellowships

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E. Applicant's Biographical Information Required with Full Proposal NIH-style biosketch that includes:

- Education: schools, dates and degrees earned.
- Medical residency, post-doctoral fellowships or other training, if applicable.
- Chronological listing of employment experience and honors.
- Complete list of any past and present research support.
- Complete list of relevant publications.

Selection Criteria

The award recipient will embody the spirit of Prof. Kwiatkowski's commitment to improving the health and well-being of individuals through the pursuit of rigorous research in malaria genomics. Awardees will have an expectation of a long-term commitment to working toward improving the lives of individuals through their research, and be motivated to continue active engagement with ASTMH, including participation in Society events and activities.

Proposals will primarily be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Does the proposal align with the goals of the Dominic Kwiatkowski Fellowship, ideally blending laboratory and field epidemiological approaches/data.
- Potential impact and significance of the proposed research on helping to improve the health and well-being of individuals effected by malaria.
- Potential of this award to influence the applicant's career trajectory and leadership potential.
- Excellence and promise of the proposed applicant and their work.
- Support from the applicant's mentor and/or home institution.

Funding

The award is for a total of \$20,000 US and designed to cover project-related expenses during the one-year timeframe to complete a research project in malaria genomics.

The funds can be used for all project-related costs but cannot be used for covering the applicant's salary or institutional overhead.

ASTMH Inclusion/Respect Statement

The ASTMH is an international society committed to equity and global impact through the treatment and prevention of tropical infectious diseases. Our diverse membership comes from more than 115 countries and engages with an enormous array of infectious diseases, cultures, ethnicities, and countries. We come from academia, research institutes, implementation programs, industry, multilateral organizations, foundations, and governments, gathering annually to exchange data, share learning, and honor contributions from the field and the lab.

"As a Society, we are committed to the open exchange of ideas, freedom of thought and expression, and productive scientific debate that are central to our mission. These require an open and diverse environment that is built on dignity and mutual respect for all members, participants, and staff, free of discrimination based on personal attributes including but not limited to ethnicity, color, national origin, age, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation, gender, and gender identity or expression. We affirm the key principles of inclusion, diversity, and respect for all people. In a world of rich diversity, the advancement of science depends on the intellectual breadth and depth of a diverse ASTMH, one that informs and enriches the shape and content of scientific discourse. These principles guide the actions of ASTMH's leaders, members, and staff in advancing the goals of the Society."